

Tidy Towns Competition 2016

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Kildorrery** Ref: **457**
County: **Cork(North)** Mark: **304**
Category: **B** Date(s): **14/06/2016**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2015	Mark Awarded 2016
Community Involvement & Planning	60	41	43
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	40	40
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	42	44
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	31	31
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	16	16
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	62	64
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30	31
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	35	35
TOTAL MARK	450	297	304

Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Kildorrery has taken an active part in the Tidy Towns Competition for over two decades. This is a proud record and you are very welcome to this year's competition. The marks you have achieved reflect the great cooperation at local level where so many people have contributed both time and effort. You have followed the advice of previous adjudicators by compacting your entry. It is very well written and set out. The map is bright and clear, with a list of sites and projects set into it with a coloured key. Well done. It is clear that your committee works hard and the variety of the projects is commendable. It is also wonderful to see your encouragement of participation by the local school children. The 1916 commemorative plaque is a fine tribute to your community effort.

Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

New visitors to Kildorrery, such as ourselves, are bound to notice the solid stock of public and commercial properties, and how they are all drawn together in a framework of bright clean streets. Main Street looked very well, and is enhanced by the tree planting. We really commend the work completed at the Community Office. The Thatch and Thyme was well presented, as was Ollie's Bar and the Wish Tree Centre.

Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Kildorrery impressed due to the judicious approach to landscaping and the presentation of your open spaces. The picnic area by the river captivated us as we sat looking at several rabbits in the field close by. The community garden is a great venture and the raised beds had onions, potatoes, cabbages and lettuce. The old farm machinery adorns the site, as does the perimeter of hydrangias. This project testifies to a strong community spirit. We paused to admire the stone seat erected in memory of the O'Connell family.

The planting at the playground was fresh and restrained. The information panel beside the picnic area was admired although it needs to have some overhanging branches cut back.

Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

Your project at Gates Meadow is impressive. We found the place alive with rabbits and it was great to see the fine tree planting. You have clearly taken note of the comments of the previous adjudicators. Your dedicated viewing point encourages people to go further and engage with the diverse countryside around the village. It is an area rich in biodiversity. All around us we saw abundant ash and oak trees, as well as holly, all supporting native birds and insects.

Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

We saw the waste recycling facility at the GAA grounds. It was well ordered. We believe this is a category where Kildorrery can make some more progress. You will recall that last year's adjudicator emphasised how recycling is only the fourth most preferred option after avoidance, reduction and re-use. We note your engagement with Cork County Council in environmental awareness and believe that will bring dividends over the next few years. Well done. We noticed how weed killer had been applied around the bins.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

On adjudication day it was great to see several people out tending the public domain. Along the verges in the village we passed a man and a woman, sensibly wearing high-viz yellow tops, searching for litter. It seemed there was no litter to be found. At another place we saw a man power-washing an old white-coloured wall. This community involvement and attention to detail really impressed us.

We were disappointed to find several yellow coloured bags of rubbish, and a bin overflowing onto the ground at the picnic area. This was a pity as the area itself was so well maintained.

The stone wall at the GAA grounds was neatly repaired, using consistent materials. We found the graveyard well cared for and the creamery yard had been freshly painted. Congratulations on completing all those works.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Kildorrery is fortunate to have such a fine stock of good quality houses that are so well cared for. Gort na Sí looked stunning. The stone plaque at Hillcrest was admired and it adorns a fine estate. The open space there had a rich carpet of clover, great for insects and bees.

Beorna Deara estate is nicely kept and Maple Wood looked very well also. We liked the thatched cottage. It is a real gem with fine cobbled paving. Thornhill was very brightly painted. Oaklawn and the community garden were a pleasant surprise. This is a terrific idea for bringing people together for the benefit of all.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Much attention has been paid to this aspect. Roads have high quality surfaces, with the markings clear and bright. We admired the incised stone name plaque and we found the speed limit signs clean and clear. There is some signage clutter at the Mitchelstown end. One would want to be cautious and prevent it getting out of hand. The Marble plaque looked neat and tidy.

The view from the community garden, looking out across the surrounding countryside, is a wonderful addition to the village. Your extensive and appropriate planting enhances all of the village approach roads.

Concluding Remarks:

We enjoyed our visit to Kildorrery and were surprised and delighted by many of your projects, particularly the community garden. We wish you continued success in the coming years.